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REMARKS

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25X1 [redacted] 1. Troop trains observed at the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) freight yard between 20 and 25 March 1952 included: 25X1

On 20 March. A train of 12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 6 sealed boxcars, and 20 flatcars carrying 19 trucks [redacted] and 1 field kitchen. The train came from Neustrelitz and left for Dallgow-Loeberitz at 8:11 a.m. (1)

25X1 On 22 March. A train of 12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and of 18 flatcars carrying 12 prime movers with 12 x 100-mm AT guns, and 12 trucks [redacted]. The train was loaded in Oranienburg and left for Forst Zinna at 1:11 p.m., whence it returned to Oranienburg at 10 a.m. on 27 March. (2)

25X1 On 25 March. A train of 42 flatcars carrying 42 new [redacted] trucks and 1 25X1 sedan with escorting personnel, which came from Justerbog and left for Ellerhels at 4:10 p.m.; and a train of 6 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and of 12 flatcars with tanks [redacted] jeep 25X1 [redacted] and 6 trucks [redacted] coming from 25X1 Neustrelitz and leaving for Dallgow-Loeberitz at 1:30 p.m. (3)

25X1 2. On 24 March, gun sheds and vehicle garages belonging to the AT artillery regiment Knochkov in the restricted Weisse Stadt area, Oranienburg, were vacant. The regiment which was equipped with 76.2-mm AT guns had not returned prior to 11 a.m. on 26 March. (4)

25X1 3. At 5 p.m. on 24 March, a troop train with 40 trucks and 2 sedans [redacted] 25X1 railroad station. [redacted] was at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) 25X1 The trucks were loaded with signal poles and billeting equipment. Soldiers observed wore black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets. The departure of the train was not observed. (5) On 27 March, T-34 tank [redacted] came 25X1

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from the Artillerie Kaserne and was loaded at the Eberswalde railroad station. On 23 March, a column of 4 trucks with pontoons, 1 truck with 1 motorboat, 1 truck mounting a hoisting gear, and 1 field kitchen, with 3 officers and 25 N1 wearing black-bordered black epaulets riding on the vehicles, was observed leaving the engineer depot at the Hohenzollernkanal and driving toward Berlin.

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4. Troop trains observed at Neustrelitz on 25 March included: a train carrying about 300 soldiers, 24 mortars and 40 to 50 trucks [redacted] and a train carrying 10 artillery pieces of about 80 mm, and about 40 trucks [redacted] coming from Neubrandenburg and leaving at 6:20 p.m. About noon on the same day, a train was loaded with 4 rocket launchers, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 30 trucks [redacted]

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5. At 4:30 p.m. on 27 March, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 1 SU-3 tank, 1 tank truck and 5 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Danze (N 54/U 22) railroad station. (8) At 1:30 a.m. on 28 March, rocket launchers [redacted] 5 x 120-mm mortars, 1 sedan, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance and about 30 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) railroad station. (9)

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6. Troop trains observed at the Seddin (N 53/Z 51) railroad station included:

At 10:30 a.m. on 27 March. A train of several boxcars and flatcars carrying trucks [redacted] and proceeding toward Trebbin. (10)

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At 3:30 p.m. on 28 March. A train of three boxcars and an unknown number of flatcars carrying 18 rocket launchers [redacted] and several trucks [redacted] and proceeding toward Jüterbog. (11)

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7. At 8:30 a.m. on 21 March, while passing through the Doberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station, [redacted] the loading of 12 T-34 tanks. (12)

8. At 12:30 p.m. on 26 March, JSU-122 SP guns [redacted] and three T-34/85 tanks entered the Flak Kaserne, Doberitz. [redacted] they had been unloaded at the Doberitz railroad station. (13)

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) The troop train on 20 March 1952 carried components of the 1st Mecz Div. [redacted] there had been an order to assemble cars at the Neustrelitz railroad station on the same day.

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(2) A heavy AT artillery unit of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army was loaded on the troop train on 22 March 1952. [redacted] a troop train went from Granienburg to Jüterbog on 23 March 1952.

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(3) The troop train on 25 March 1952 carried a component of the 1st Mecz Div.  
(4) As there have been a series of trains which have hauled elements of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army from Granienburg to Jüterbog since late February 1952, the movement is probably responsible for the absence of the AT artillery regiment in Granienburg mentioned in paragraph 2. Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu) is listed as regimental commander.

(5) The troop train on 24 March carried engineer and signal troops of the Second Gds Mecz Army. Two trains of a similar composition which passed through Eberswalde toward Britz were observed [redacted] on the same day. They probably came from the Naumburg area and went to Fuerstenberg.

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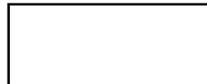
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- (6) The column leaving Eberswalde on 28 March 1952 belonged to the headquarters engineer troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
- (7) The three troop trains mentioned in paragraph 4 included one train from Pasewalk. [redacted] they were unloaded in Luckenwalde.
- (8) The tanks observed on 27 March 1952 belonged to a tank detail of the 18th Mecz Div, probably from Ludwigslust, which possibly returned to its home station after a firing practice.
- (9) The train mentioned in paragraph 5 was loaded by components of the 12th Gds Tank Div and probably proceeded to Jueterbog.
- (10) The troop train on 27 March 1952 carried a component of the 10th Gds Tank Div and possibly went to Jueterbog.
- (11) The troop train on 28 March 1952 which carried the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army is believed to have gone from Schoenwalde to Jueterbog.
- (12) [redacted] a similar entraining of a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div on 21 March 1952 as observed in Doeberitz [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 7 of the present report. 25X1
- (13) The tanks mentioned in paragraph 5 belong to the 1st Mecz Div. They probably are identical with the tanks observed on the troop train which passed through the Granienburg freight yard at 1:30 p.m. on 25 March 1952 en route from Neustrelitz to Dallgow-Doeberitz and is mentioned in paragraph 1.

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